

CLAIMS

1. A computer program on a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means, comprising:

5 program code means for generating a user interface having means for receiving a specified application name, at least one specified search directory, at least one specified target directory, and at least one specified file descriptor; and

10 program code means for automatically populating the specified target directory with each file, from the at least one specified search directory, matching the specified file descriptor, when the specified named application is started.

15 2. The program of claim 1 wherein the means for automatically populating the specified target directory further comprises means for automatically moving each file, from the at least one specified search directory, matching the specified file descriptor, into the specified target
20 directory when the specified named application is started.

3. The program of claim 1 wherein the means for automatically populating further comprises means for automatically copying each file, in the at least one
25 specified search directory, matching the specified file descriptor, to the specified target directory when the specified named application is started.

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4. The program of claim 1 wherein the at least one specified target directory is a working directory of the specified named application.

5 5. The program of claim 2 further comprising program code means for moving back the automatically moved files to an originating directory of each moved file when the specified named application is ended.

10 6. The program of claim 1 wherein the file descriptor is at least one of a file mask and a general named description.

15 7. A method for accessing, from one directory, a plurality of files originally residing in at least one other directory, the method comprising:

receiving a specification of the at least one other directory, at least one file descriptor, a specification of the one directory, and a specified application name; and
20 when the specified named application is started, automatically populating the specified one directory with each of the plurality of files, from one of the specified at least one other directory, matching the at least one file descriptor.

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8. A method for enabling access, from one directory, a plurality of files originally residing in at least one other directory, the method comprising:

receiving a specification of the at least one other directory, at least one file descriptor, a specification of the one directory, and a specified application name;

automatically populating, when the specified named
5 application is started, the specified one directory with each of the plurality of files, from one of the specified at least one other directory, matching the at least one file descriptor; and

enabling a user to have access to each of the plurality
10 of files from the specified one directory when the specified named application is executing.

9. A method for enabling access, from one directory, to a plurality of files originally residing in at least one
15 other directory, the method comprising:

generating a selectable icon for a named application in conjunction with a programming tool;

displaying, from the programming tool, a graphical user interface having means for receiving a specification of the
20 at least one other directory, at least one file descriptor, a specification of the one directory, and a specified application name;

automatically populating the specified one directory with each of the plurality of files, from one of the
25 specified at least one other directory, matching the at least one file descriptor, and launching the named application, when the selectable icon is selected; and

accessing each of the plurality of files from the specified one directory when the specified named application
30 is executing.

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10. A computer system having means for enabling
access, from one directory, to a plurality of files
5 originally residing in at least one other directory, the
computer system comprising:

a graphical user interface having means for receiving a
specification of the at least one other directory, at least
one file descriptor, a specification of the one directory,
10 and a specified application name;

means for automatically populating, when the specified
named application is started, the specified one directory
with each of the plurality of files, from one of the
specified at least one other directory, matching the at
15 least one file descriptor; and

means for enabling a user to have access to each of the
plurality of files from the specified one directory when the
specified named application is executing.

20 11. The computer system of claim 10 wherein the means
for populating further comprises means for moving each of
the plurality of files, from one of the specified at least
one other directory, matching the at least one file
descriptor, to the specified one directory.

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12. The computer system of claim 11 further comprising
means for moving back each of the moved files to each one of
the specified at least one other directory.

13. The computer system of claim 12 wherein each of the moved files are moved back when a second application, different from the specified named application, is launched.

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14. The computer system of claim 12 wherein the moved files are moved back when the specified named application is closed.

10 15. The computer system of claim 10 wherein the specified one directory is a working directory of the specified named application.

15 16. The computer system of claim 10 wherein the means for populating further comprises means for copying each of the plurality of files, at one of the specified at least one other directory, matching the at least one file descriptor, to the specified one directory.

20 17. A computer system having means for enabling access, from one directory, to a plurality of files originally residing in at least one other directory, the computer system comprising:

25 means for generating a selectable icon for a named application in conjunction with a programming tool;

means for displaying, from the programming tool, a graphical user interface having means for receiving a specification of the at least one other directory, at least one file descriptor, a specification of the one directory,
30 and a specified application name;

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means for automatically populating the specified one directory with each of the plurality of files, from one of the specified at least one other directory, matching the at least one file descriptor, and launching the named

5 application, when the selectable icon is selected; and

means for accessing each of the plurality of files from the specified one directory when the specified named application is executing.

10 18. A computer system having means for enabling access, from one directory, to a plurality of files originally residing in at least one other directory accessible to the computer system, the computer system comprising:

15 a software program tool having means for displaying a graphical user interface having means for receiving a specification of the at least one other directory, at least one file descriptor, a specification of the one directory, and a specified application name;

20 an application having the specified application name;

means for invoking the software program tool to automatically populate the specified one directory with each of the plurality of files, from one of the specified at least one other directory, matching the at least one file descriptor, each time the named application is launched; and

25 means for accessing each of the plurality of files from the specified one directory when the specified named application is executing.

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19. A computer program on a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means, comprising:

program code means for determining a previously specified target directory, at least one search directory,
5 and at least one file descriptor in association with a name of a given application; and

program code means for automatically populating, each time the given application is started, the previously specified target directory with each file, from the at least
10 one previously specified search directory, matching the previously specified at least one file descriptor.

20. A method for enabling access, from one directory, to a plurality of files originally residing in at least one
15 other directory, the method comprising:

determining a previously specified target directory, at least one search directory, and at least one file descriptor in association with a name of a given application; and

automatically populating, each time the given
20 application is started, the previously specified target directory with each file, from the at least one previously specified search directory, matching the previously specified at least one file descriptor.

25 21. A computer system having means for enabling access, from one directory, to a plurality of files originally residing in at least one other directory, the computer system comprising:

means for determining a previously specified target
30 directory, at least one search directory, and at least one

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file descriptor in association with a name of a given application; and

means for automatically populating, each time the given application is started, the previously specified target
5 directory with each file, from the at least one previously specified search directory, matching the previously specified at least one file descriptor.